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SUBJ: TURKISH REFUGEES ON BRITISH BASES IN CYPRUS

REF A) ANKARA 184; B) ANKARA 160

1. TURKISH PRIMIN SADI IRMAK, IN A STATEMENT CARRIED ON
TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION JANUARY8, SAID THERE WAS NO
DIPLOMATIC TRADITION WHICH ALLOWED KEEPING TURKISH REFUGEES
HOSTAGE ON BRITISH BASES IN CYPRUS. REFERRING TO THE
BASES AS PART OF "THE BRITISH HOMELAND", IRMAK DECLARED:

"IT IS NEVER POSSIBLE TO DETAIN AS PRISONERS THOSE WHO TAKE
ASYLUM IN A HOMELAND. WE ARE EXPECTING THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT TO COME AROUND TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE
REALITIES AND GIVE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT A SATISFACTORY
ANSWER."

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2. ALSO, MASS-CIRCULATION DAILY GUNAYDIN ON JANUARY 9 REPORTED JUSTICE PARTY SENATOR KAMRAN INAN'S REMARKS THAT IT WAS TIME FOR TURKEY TO SAY "ENOUGH" TO BRITISH POLICY IN CYPRUS, AND THAT THE DETENTION OF THE REFUGEES ON THE BASES WAS IN VIOLATION OF ALL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, TRADITION, AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. MEANWHILE, SEMIH BALCIOGLU (PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH JOURNALISTS UNION) HAS WRITTEN THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA ASKING PERMISSION FOR A DELEGATION OF JOURNALISTS TO VISIT THE BASES, ACCORDING TO TURKISH RADIO NEWS, WHILE BEYHAN CENKCI (PRESIDENT OF THE ANKARA JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION) HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED THAT A GROUP OF TURKISH JOURNALISTS WILL GO TO CYPRUS AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME.
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